

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
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Revocation of the Educator	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
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Certificate of	)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
	)	
Donald M. Landrum,	)	
	)	
Certificate 221279	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 12, 2006. On September 15, 2005, the State Board issued an Order of Summary Suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 221279 based on conduct that led to the revocation of Mr. Landrum's North Carolina educator license. Mr. Landrum was notified of the summary suspension on September 15, 2005, as well as of his right to a hearing regarding the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate, by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Landrum received the notice, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. Mr. Landrum requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed, through legal counsel, to voluntarily surrender his educator certificate. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the surrender of Mr. Landrum's certificate.

Donald M.  
Landrum

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Landrum holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate with over eight years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Mr. Landrum was employed as a teacher/coach in the Polk County School District in North Carolina. On July 30, 2005, the North Carolina State Board of Education revoked Mr. Landrum's teaching certificate based on findings that he was engaged in a romantic relationship with a high school student.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support its determination that just cause exists to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Landrum’s educator certificate. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Landrum may reapply for a South Carolina educator certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department, subject to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac  
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 12, 2006

I, Donald M. Landrum, S.C. Educator Certificate 221279, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on April 12, 2006.

/S/ Donald M. Landrum      3/20/06  
Donald M. Landrum      Date